

Through his art, **Tyree Guyton** has drawn attention to the plight of Detroit's forgotten neighborhoods and spurred discussion and action. He continues to live and work in the city, working with children on Heidelberg Street almost daily as he guides the Heidelberg Project forward with energy and inspiration. He has also shared his vision around the world.

*Primarily a painter and sculptor, Tyree Guyton has also been described as an urban environmental artist. He has waged a personal war on urban blight on Detroit's East Side, transforming first a street in his neighborhood, and then two city blocks into a living indoor/outdoor art gallery by using discarded objects he found— everything from old shoes to bicycles to baby dolls— to embellish abandoned houses, sidewalks and empty lots.*

**“...Guyton is a gifted, committed artist to whose probing, good natured truths attention should be paid.”**

Roger Green, Ann Arbor News

*Alison Carb Sussman  
Contemporary Black  
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**Painter, Sculptor and Urban Environmental Artist  
1955 -**

## Collections:

Charles Wright Museum of African American History  
Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, MI  
Kresge Art Museum, Lansing, MI  
University of Michigan Museum of Art, Ann Arbor, MI  
Studio Museum of Harlem, New York, NY  
Numerous private and corporate collections

## Awards include:

- Spirit of Detroit Award, 1989
- Michiganian of the Year Award, 1991
- Governor's Arts Award, 1992
- Humanity in the Arts Award, Wayne State University, 1992
- Award of Recognition, Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, 2002
- Wayne County Intl. Artist Award, 2003
- Environmental Design Research Association, 2004
- Rudy Bruner Award for Urban Excellence, 2005
- Outstanding Artistic Excellence, 2007

## Media Coverage includes:

Newsweek, New York Times, Time Magazine, People Magazine, The Oprah Winfrey Show, The Detroit News, The Detroit Free Press, The Boston Globe, The Chicago Tribune, The Los Angeles Times, Essence Magazine, USA Today, National Public Radio, Morning Edition, Reuters, Connoisseur Magazine, Good Morning America, NBC Nightly News, and numerous international publications

## Exhibits:

Guyton's art has been exhibited around the world, including Hungary, Australia, Brazil, France, Italy, Russia, Japan, Germany, Michigan, California, New York, and many other locations.

## Guyton's work has been featured in numerous art and academic institutions including:

- Auburn University
- Detroit Institute of Art
- Charles Wright Museum of African American History
- Delaware Art Institute
- Harvard University
- University of Indiana
- Michigan State University
- University of Michigan Museum of Art
- Minnesota Museum of American Art
- Art in Embassies Program Exhibition in American Embassy, Quito, Ecuador

## To learn more:

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**“The real hope lies in changing the minds of people. People won't change their minds if they never face the truth.”**

**Tyree Guyton**

